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SUBJECT: SOCIALISTS DEMONSTRATE IN OPORTO

1. ON SHORT NOTICE AND IN INCLEMENT WEATHER, PS MOBLIZED SOME 5000 SUPPORTERS IN OPORTO SEPT 30 TO DEMONSTRATE IN FAVOR OF THE VI GOVERNMENT AND THE "REVOLUTIONARY MEASURES" IT HAS TAKEN. SOCIALIST CIVIL GOVERNOR OF OPORTO, WHO HAS BEEN MUCH ABUSED BY LEFTISTS IN RECENT WEEKS, WAS FINAL SPEAKER AND RECEIVED BIGGEST HAND. ACCORDING TO GOVERNOR SOME COMMUNICATION MEDIA WERE "CONFUSING PEOPLE IN ORDER TO MANIPULATE THEM". RALLY ENDED WITH PS DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND RAIN SODDEN SYMPATHIZERS, DELIVERING DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR VI GOVERNMENT TO REGIONAL MILITARY NORTHERN (RMN) HEADQUARTERS. BG VELOSO, REGIONAL MILITARY COMMANDER, RECEIVED DELEGATION AND REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM THAT RMN SUPPORTED VI GOVERNMENT AND ITS ACTIONS. BG VELOSO RECEIVED WARM APPLAUSE WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED DELEGATION OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS.

2. COMMENT: ONLY A MONTH AGO SOCIALISTS WERE DEMONSTRATING IN FRONT
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OF NORTHERN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN UGLY ANTI-MFA MOOD CALLING

BG VELOSO'S PREDECESSOR AN ASSASSIN. VELOSO (AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT) SEEMS TOHAVE WON A FEW SOCIALISTS HEARTS AND MINDS IN OPORTO. NO PPD ELEMENTS WERE IN EVIDENCE DURING LAST NIGHT'S RALLY THOUGH PCP(ML) FLYERS WERE OPENLY DISTRIBUTED DURING SPEECHES AND MARCH. FLYERS ACCUSED CUNHAL OF BEING "100PCT FASCIST" AND TERMED OTHER LEFTISTS GROUPS (FUR, SUV, MBS, PRP, UDP, LCI) "RADICAL LACKEYS" OF CUNHAL. PPD HAS SCHEDULED ITS OWN RALLY IN OPORTO OCTOBER 1 WITH SA CARNEIRO AS KEY-NOTE SPEAKER.

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